

Remarks:

Summary of the June 21, 2010, Office Action

In the June 21, 2010, Office Action, Claims 1-4, 8-10, 23, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(2) as being anticipated by the Angeley reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,282,223) in view of the Scripsick reference (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0153850). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Angeley reference in view of the Scripsick reference and the Smart reference (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002-0093997). Claims 26, 27, 31-33, 35, 43, and 44 were objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 37 and 39 were allowed.

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of both former Claim 1 and allowable former Claim 26, the latter of which was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (there were no such intervening claims). Claim 1 thus should be allowable as rewritten.

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to properly refer to amended Claim 1. Claims 27, 32, 33, 35, and 43 have been amended to refer to the proper independent claim following the incorporation of former Claim 26 into Claim 1.

Allowability of the Claims

In view of the amendments made herein, all of the pending claims are believed to be allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of allowable former Claim 26, which had depended upon Claim 1. Claims 2-4, 6, 8-10, 23, 27, 31-33, 35, 43, and 44, all of which depend from Claim 1, should also be allowable as depending from an allowable independent claim. Independent Claim 37 and its dependent Claim 39 had been previously indicated to be allowable.

Conclusion

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 23, 27, 31-33, 35, 37, 39, 43, and 44 remain pending in the present patent application, and Applicants believe that they are in condition for allowance at this time. As such, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment E and reconsideration of the application, with an early and favorable decision being solicited. Should the Examiner believe that the prosecution of the application could be

expedited, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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